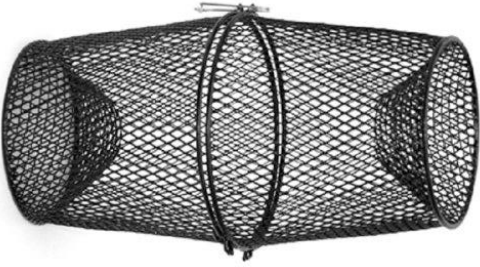


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Minnow trap – bait with chicken livers or dog food, use a piece of swim noodle or other flotation for any airbreathers. Check daily, tie down securely. \$10-20 at Amazon, homemade 2 or 3 liter bottle version [here](#).



Aquatic D style dip net – great for searching through pools, small ponds and around structure. Sturdy handles and bag net has mesh on bottom to filter out water. \$90 plus at Acorn naturalists or Bio quip.



Cast net – weighted net used in a tossing/twirling motion to catch fish from above. Works on schooling fish otherwise it's hit or miss, but a lot fun. \$20 and up and various places.



Lake seine – two or more people to sweep larger areas, need waders or get wet! \$20 and up at Amazon, usually comes without poles. Homemade versions possible, weights on bottom, floats on top.



Backpack electrofishing unit - \$4,000 plus, experts only. PIMO has two units, SOMO and Ed Corey have one unit. Works great on small creeks where boats are unable to reach. WRC aquatic diversity biologists have as well.